Treaſon in Graine:

That Moſt

TRAITEROUS,

OR

LIBEL

OF

FITZ-HARRIS,

Whereby he deſign'd to raiſe a Rebellion amongſt us the better to make way for a *French* Invaſion, and our utter deſtruction, as it was read in both Houſes of Parliament at *Oxford*, and upon which the Houſe of Commons Impeached him of High Treaſon.

Falſly and Malitiouſly called by him,

The True Engliſh-man ſpeaking plain Engliſh, in A Letter from a Friend to a Friend.

I thank you for the Character of a Popiſh Succeſſor which you ſent me, wherein our Juſt fears, and the grounds of them, are juſtly ſet out. But I am in greater fear of the preſent Poſſeſſor, why do we frighten our ſelves about the Evil that is to come, not looking to that which is at hand? We would cut off the Budding Weeds, and let the Poyſonous Root lye ſtill; we would ſtop the Channel of our Evils, and let the Fountain ſtill run: My meaning is this, can *Pylades* Know and Act all theſe Bloody Conſpiracies, and not impart them to his dear *Oreſtes*? if *James* be Conſcious and Guilty, *Charles* is ſo too: Believe me, theſe two Brethren in Iniquity, they are in Confederacy with *Pope* and *French* to introduce Popery and Arbitrary Government, as all their Actions demonſtrate? the Parliament, *Magna Charta*, and Liberty of the Subject are as heavy Yoaks which they would caſt off to be as abſolute as their Br. of *France*; and if this can be proved to be their only aim and endeavor, why ſhould not every True Britain be a *Quaker* thus far? Let the *Engliſh* riſe, and move as one Man to ſelf defence, to open Action, and fling off their intollerable Riders. Blow the the Trumpet, ſtand on your Guard, and withſtand them as Bears and Tygers, And ſince there can be no truſt given to this goodly couple of Popiſh Brethren, nor no relief expected from a Parliament; Truſt to your Swords in defence of your Lives, Laws, Religion and Properties, like the ſtout Earl of Old, who told a King that if he could not be defended by *Magna Charta*, he would be relieved by *Longa Spada*.

Yet to convince the World that this *Scottiſh* Race is Corrupt Root and Branch, and Popiſh from the very beginning, be pleas'd to conſider theſe reaſons following.

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The Grand-father of these Men, *James* the *Scot*, was of no Religion at the bottom, but entred by a pretence of a Sham-plot of the Papists against his Life, whilst really he collogued with the Popish Party under-hand; his Mother, his Kindred, with great Submission, yet afterwards thinking it for his purpose to Cajole the Parliament, and write against the Pope and Cardinals, he sends a *Scots* Bird to blind the Eyes of the *Vatican* Keeper with Money, and to steal his Letters from off the Roman File, and then he crowes as boldly as an unsuspected Harlot for the Protestant Religion and Interest.

That Man's Son *Charles* the First, held a Secret Correspondency with the Pope, calling him his Dear and Holy Father, as is to be seen in his Letters recorded in *Rushworth*'s Collections: Were not his Wife and Courtiers Papists? Did he not countenance and promote the Rebellion in *Ireland*? As the *Irish* Grandees and his very Commissions testifie and declare, was there not a Popish Plot, and an Universal Conspiracy of the Papists discovered to him and his Confessor *Laud*, and did they not piously stifle it lest they should have discovered the Nakedness of their Mother Church? Whilst that goodly Protestant Prince pretended to relieve the poor besieged Protestants at *Rochel* by his confident *Buckingham*, did he not hold Correspondency with the *French* Cardinal how to betray them for a Summ of Money (which his obstinacy with his Parliament made him stand in need of.) But they who so ill approved themselves to be Heads of the Protestant Church, *Charles* and *Laud*, did they not loose their own Heads by a manifest Judgment of God? And was not the false heart of their Emissary *Buckingham*, found out by an Assassins Knife?

But to come nearer to our purpose, these two goodly Imps of our days are stark naught; arrived at the heigth of Wickedness, and of professed Arbitrariness and Popery.

As for *James*, he was a Papist whilst he had a Regiment in the *French*, and afterwards in the *Spanish* Service beyond Seas. And as for *Charles*, he was reported, e're he came into *England*, to have been reconciled to the Church of *Rome* in one of the *French* Kings Country Houses; and since they came in, how have they wheedled and played fast and loose, in their profession of Religion as occasion and their Affairs requir'd? Have they not all along maintained Secret Correspondency with *France* and *Rome*? As *Colemans* Letters may sufficiently instruct such who have not seen more Secret Memories.

But let us come to Examine their Actions which are a better proof of their hearts, were not the Dukes Servants and Confidents all Papists? Witness his Talbots, Patricks and other *Irish* Teags, were not the Duke and such of his Creatures as were known Papists promoted to all publick Offices of trust both at Sea and Land? Witness *Bellasis* now a Traytor in the *Tower*, did not *James* by *Coleman*, *Throgmorton* and others, hold open Correspondency with the Pope and Cardinals? and could *Charles* be Ignorant of all this? Nay he lik'd all so well, that he hardly employed any about him but Papists, as *Clifford* whom he made Treasurer; or employed any abroad but Persons of the same stamp, Witness *Godolphin* whom he sent Embassador into *Spain*, as he did others elsewhere, what more obvious than that though the Duke's Treachery against the Kingdom and Protestant Religion be fully made out, and the People and Parliament seek to bring him to a Legal Tryal, yet *Charles* obstructs Justice, and will not suffer it? How can this be, but that he is joyned in Will and Deed in all

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all the Dukes Villanies, and that he is afraid to be discovered and found out to be a Papist, and a betrayer of his People and the Protestant Religion? If he was heartily concerned for our Religion, would he not oppose a Popish Successor, who will Infallibly overthrow it? Can there be any thing more evident than that he continues the Dukes adherents, and those who were advanced by him, in all Offices of Trust? And hath he not turn'd out of his Council the most Zealous Protestants, such as *Shaftesbury*, *Essex* and others, and introduced in their Rooms other meer Tools, or those that are Popishly and Arbitrarily affected? Hath he not modell'd all the Sheriffs and Justices throughout *England* in subserviency to a Popish Design? Was not Sir *William Waller* and Dr. *Chamberlain*, and divers others turn'd out of the Commission in and about *London*, meerly for being Zealous Prosecutors of Priests and Papists? Doth not *Charles* all he can to hinder the further detection of the *Popish Plot*? And doth he not to his utmost discountenance the Discoverers of it, and suffer them to want Bread? And doth he not in the mean time plentifully encourage and reward *Fitz-Gerald* and all the Sham-plotters? Whereas *Dangerfield* had 8 *l.* a Week whilst a Forger of Plots against the Protestants, he is cast off with scorn and in danger of his life since he laid open the *Popish* Engineers. Is not *Ch.* so much in love with his *Popish Irish* Rebels (therein treading in his Fathers steps) that he promotes *Montgarret* (*Carlingford*, *Fitz Patrick* and others who were the Heads of the Rebellion, to Honors and Preferment, though *Charles* took the Covenant and a Coronation Oath to preserve the *Protestant* Religion, yet hath he not palpably broken them? He made large promises and protestations at *Breda* for the allowing a perpetual Liberty of Conscience to Nonconforming Protestants, but he soon forgot them all; To what end was the Act which was made soon after his restoration, prohibiting any to call him *Papist* or to say he was *Popishly* enclin'd, and rendring such as should offend Guilty of a *premunire*, but to stop the *Peoples* Mouthes when ever he should Act any thing in Favor of *Popery* as he was then resolved to do?

Is it not manifest therefore, that *Scotch* Oaths, *Breda* promises, *Protestant* Profession, liberty of Conscience, War with *France*, saving of *Flanders* is all in Jest to delude *Protestant* Subjects? Is it not apparent that breaking of Leagues, *Dutch* Wars, *Smirna Fleet*, *French* measures to favor their Conquests, loss of Ships, War in Christendom, Blood of *Protestants*, reprieving of *Popish* Traitors, is all in earnest, and done in Favor of *Popery*? And are not his fair Speeches, his true *Protestant* Love to *Parliaments* Just rights, and *English* Liberties, his pretended Ignorance of the *Plot*, and his Hanging of Traytors to serve a turn, but in meer jest? Are not his great Debaucheries, his Whoring Courtiers, *Popish* Councels, cheating Rogues, Hellish *Plottings*, his saving of Traytors, his *French* Pensioners, his Nests of Whores and Swarms of Bastards, his Macks, his Cut-Throats, his Horrid Murderers, his Burning of *London* and the *Provost's* house too, his Sham-plotting, his suborn'd Villains, his *Popish* Officers by Sea and Land, his Struglings for a *Popish* Successor, his agreements with *France*, his frequent Dissolutions of *Parliaments*, his buying of Voices, his false returns all of them designs to ruine us in good earnest, and in favor of Arbitrary Government? And is it not in order to this Blessed end that you see none Countenanced by *Charles* and *James*, but Church *Papists*, betraying Bishops, Tantivy abhorrers, barking Touzers, *Popish* Scribblers to deceive the *People* and fix the *Popish* Successors Illegal Title? Are not Jesuits Councels, *French* Assistance to conquer *Ireland*, subdue *Scotland*, winn *Flanders*, beat the *Dutch*, get their Shipping, be Masters of the Seas? And are not facing a Rebellion, the letting

letting the *Plot* go on, the endeavoring to retrieve the *Popiſh* Cauſe by getting a *Popiſh* pentionary, abhorring *Parliaments*, who ſhall betray their Country, enſlave poſterity and deſtroy themſelves at laſt, means only to ſave a *Popiſh* Traiterous Succeſſor, and a preſent *Popiſh* Poſſeſſor? *James* and *Charles* are Brethren in Iniquity, corrupt both in root and branch, and who ſtudy to enſlave *England* to a *French* and *Romiſh Yoke*, is not all this plain? Have you not Eyes, Senſe or Feeling? Where is the Old Engliſh Noble Spirit? Are you become *French* aſſes to ſuffer any load to be laid upon you? And therefore if you can get no remedy from this next *Parliament* (as certainly you will not) and if *Charles* doth not repent and comply with it, then up all as one Man. O brave *Engliſh* Men, look to your own defence e're it be too late; rouze up your Spirits, remember your *Predeceſſors*, remember how that the aſſerting of their liberties, juſtified both by ſucceſs and Law, the War of the Barons againſt wicked Councellors who misled the King, And will you now let that go which coſt them ſo dear? How many oppreſſing Kings have been depoſed in this Nation, as appears in Records referr'd unto in that worthy *Patriots* Hiſtory of the Succeſſion; were not *Rich. 2d.* And *Hen. 6.* both laid aſide, not to mention others, and was there ever ſuch a King as this of ours? was not K. *John* depoſed for going about to imbrace the *Mahometan* Religion, and for entring into a league with the K. of *Morocco* to that purpoſe? Though *Mahometaniſm* and the K. of *Morocco*, were no ſuch Enemies to our rights and liberties as *Popery* and the *French* King are. Is it not time then that all ſhould be ready? Let the City of *London* ſtand by the *Parliament* for the maintaining of their Liberties and Religion in an extream way, if Parliamentary ways be not conſented unto by the King, let the Counties be ready to enter into an Aſſotiation, as the County of *York* did in *H.*